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**MEETING TIME AND PLACE** In person meetings have been replaced by virtual meetings on the regular monthly meeting dates. These will be the first Thursday of every month beginning at 7:00pm. For the time being in person Show and Tell's are discontinued unless otherwise scheduled by the ESAL Board.

**The next virtual meeting will be on February 4, 2021.**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**ESAL WEB SITE:** [www.esalart.org](http://www.esalart.org)

*Greetings to all ESAL members, new and old! A new year, and hopefully a new perspective on life. We have a new President and Vice President, and lots of opportunities for change are in the air. Hope is what I'm feeling, especially with the vaccines becoming available to stop this pandemic we have been coping with for almost a year now. My wish is that if not this season of ESAL, at least by Fall maybe we can resume our meetings in person. We will have to see what the next few months bring. We need to just carry on and make the best of what we've got!*

*As we discussed in our Board meeting back in December, this next month of February, we will be meeting on Zoom again. February 4th, 2021 – share how you*

*relit your creative spark by making something fresh with one of two themes: Favorite Things or Light in the Dark. If you've been less than inspired these past few months, share with us something new, like a different medium or new size*

*than your usual. We will have this Show and Tell (a quick 3 minutes per person) after an interesting presentation by Linda James, a talented colored pencil artist.*

*I am looking forward to seeing more of you on February 4 th at 7 pm for some fun and safe socializing. Lots of love to all of you. Be safe and healthy! Arlene*

**TREASURER'S REPORT** As reported, the account balance is **\$5177.80** **DUES** \$10/person \$15/couple

**ANNUAL ESAL SHOWS 2020**

Until further notice all ESAL in person shows have been canceled.

**PROGRAMS**

**February 4th, 2021**, welcome a new presenter, Linda James, whose program invites us to take another look at creating with colored pencils.

**March 4th, 2021**, our regular meetings return with a terrific program by Tom Gallovich about creating digital art.

**April 1st, 2021**, one of our favorite presenters, Bernie Wilke returns with an enlightening program about the art of mural making.

**May 6th, 2021**, To Be Announced

**PERMANENT EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES**

**Murrysville Library**

**Murrysville Library Exhibit Updates and Plans**

Due to Covid restrictions and planned renovations, art exhibits are on temporary "hold" until further notice. I will contact those who signed up on the most recent list when the schedule is open again. Meanwhile, anyone else who would like to have a show there in the future, please email me to let me know.

Thank you, Barbara Jewell

**Redstone Highlands - Members exhibiting - 2021**

**Tom Gallovich** is currently showing his work through January.

**LaDorna Stephens** will be there for the month of February.

**Norma Rowley** will be there for the month of March.

**Lane Neff** is tentatively scheduled for April.

It is well known the Redstone and their patients and visitors really enjoy the work our members hang there. Quite a few pieces of art have been sold.

Since the pandemic has hit us all, the Redstone has established a procedure for anyone preparing to hang their work.

--When you are ready to hang your work call the Redstone and make an appointment with Amanda.

--At the appointment time you will have your temperature checked and answer questions. Then you will be admitted to hang your work.

--For take down the same procedure will be used.

At this time, there are no additional members that have signed up for months beyond February. Any member interested contact Lane Neff at 727-327-3495.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Members** – We have had Lane Neff handle our ongoing exhibit at Redstone Highlands very successfully for quite some time now, and she has indicated to me that she is not able to continue coordinating our shows there for much longer. I understand that we are still able to be there with our art and that it is still very much welcomed. I am asking for someone else in our membership to step up and take over from her in the next couple of months. We probably have someone to show there in February, but from then on the person who takes over the Redstone scheduling will need to find others to hang. Please consider helping our group out so we can continue to have an ongoing exhibit there. Reach out to me or to Lane for questions, or if you are willing to help out. Thank you.

**Dear Artists Friends**, It is with great sadness that I am contacting you. **Our beloved member, Ted Scanga, recently diagnosed with cancer, has passed.** He had been in the hospital but at his request the family brought him home. He was in terrible pain as it had metastasized to his bones. Please remember Ted & his family in your thoughts & prayers. We shall always remember what a wonderful friend & artist Ted has been. An obituary will appear in the paper & a service will be at his church (St. Margaret Mary's) in Lower Burrell. Theresa has said because of Covid, masks & distancing will be practiced but it is understood that people are staying home. She also said they do not do flowers. Memorials can be given to St. Margaret Mary's Church in Lower Burrell or their food bank.

Thank you, Sincerely, Patti

**Betty Trout's oil painting "Ahead"** was juried into the Southwestern Pennsylvania Council for the Arts 25th Anniversary Regional Art Exhibition at Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art in Ligonier. The show opened November 14 & closes January 31.

**Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art (SAMA)** is hosting a **3-Day Winter Plein Air Paint Out & Wet Sale** Feb 18-21. Artists who are interested in participating in the paint out should stop by the Museum at 1 Boucher Lane, Ligonier, contact [ligonier@sama-art.org](mailto:ligonier@sama-art.org) or call (724)-238-6015. A \$30 non-refundable registration fee is required for participating artists.

**Arlene Holtzwill** be having a solo show at the **Spinning Plate Gallery** at 5821 Baum Blvd, in East Liberty, for the month of March 2021 - the theme of it is "People and Places In the New Reality". In it I will show all my new art created in 2021 so far on paper and in art journals / sketchbooks. I hope that some of you can come to view my work then. I can take appointments, and I will be announcing regular hours later.

The **McKeesport Art Group's annual Spring Art Show**, traditionally held in May, has been **rescheduled** for Friday, September 17 through Sunday, September 19 at the Jacob Wohl Pavilion in Renziehausen Park, McKeesport.

**ESAL member Norma Rowley** will be exhibiting her work at the **Redstone Highlands** Murrysville facility during the month of March.

**North Hills Art Center presents *Where Love Dwells Art Exhibit.***

Benefiting Hello Neighbor ~ a mentorship program matching refugee families with caring neighbors.

Show Dates: February 8 - February 26, 2021 - Virtual Opening and Awards ~ February 6, 2021

**Larry Brandstetter** is entering three new pieces of art created for this "home" themed event.

**Jan Landini** and **Cindy Berceli** both have pieces in the **Southwestern Pennsylvania Council for the Arts** Regional juried show at the **Southern Alleghenies Museum** in Ligonier.

**Gordon Sarti** is now exhibiting at the Focus On The Arts gallery at the Galleria at Pittsburgh Mills.

**Peter Cehily** has a painting entitled "**Northerly Squall**" juried into the SPCARTS 25th Annual Exhibition at Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art in Ligonier Pa. The exhibition runs from November 14, 2020 to January 31, 2021

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